# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
# LOK SABHA

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Tea Exports
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether tea exports have registered a 7.25 per cent increase by volume and 4.2 per cent increase by value between April to October, 2015 and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the increase has come at a time when tea production had suffered a marginal decline standing at 946.97 million kg and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the share of the small tea growers has increased just as the production from large estates have declined; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a): As per provisional estimates, the exports of tea from India have increased both by quantity and value during the financial year 2015-16 (April-October). Details in this regard are given in the following table:

| Period | Quantity (Million Kgs) | Value (Rs. Cr.) |
|---|---|---|
| 2015-16 (Apr-Oct)* | 123.48 | 2409.32 |
| 2014-15 (Apr-Oct) | 111.20 | 2224.55 |
| Increase/decrease(%) | 11.04 | 8.31 |

*Provisional, subject to revision.

(b): As per provisional estimates, the tea production declined by 0.69% during the financial year 2015-16 (April-October). Details in this regard are given in the following table:

| Period | Quantity (Million Kgs) |
|---|---|
| 2015-16 (Apr-Oct)* | 946.97 |
| 2014-15 (Apr-Oct) | 953.59 |
| Change (%) | -0.69 |

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(c) & (d): The share of small tea growers' in total tea production is estimated on the basis of turnover of bought leaf factories, as these tea factories procure green leaves mainly from small growers.
As per initial estimates, the share of small growers in tea production increased by 1.52% during 2015-16 (April-October) while the overall production marginally declined as per details given below:

| Period | Estate Factory Production (Million Kgs) | Bought Leaf Factory Production (Million Kgs) | Total Production (Million Kgs) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2015-16 (Apr-Oct)* | 636.39 | 310.58 | 946.97 |
| 2014-15 (Apr-Oct) | 647.67 | 305.92 | 953.59 |
| Increase/decrease (%) | -1.74 | 1.52 | -0.69 |

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